

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

4:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Resource Conservation Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 4:00 PM in the Executive Conference Room #103 Building A located at 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Kappes, Vargas, Rahimzadeh, and Chair Coleman

ABSENT: Commissioner Vargas moved to excuse Commissioners Romo and Valen from today's meeting, since they both sent emails to staff that they were not able to attend. Seconded by Commissioner Rahimzadeh. Vote carried 4-0

Commissioner Flores was absent.

STAFF PRESENT: Administrative Services Manager Beamon, Environmental Resource Manager Reed, Environmental Services Program Manager France, Sr. Project Coordinator Kluth, Intern III Corkill, and Sr. Secretary Lindsey.

ALSO PRESENT: Residents Betsy Cory and Robert Ross

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Kappes moved to approve the minutes of August 12, 2013, with one correction: the addition of the letter "T" for Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). Seconded by Commissioner Vargas. Vote carried 4-0.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Resident Cory would like to post a flyer from the Native Plant Society in the City libraries, but the libraries require the flyer be sponsored by a City department before posting. Environmental Resource Manager Reed explained to the commission that this is something he has handled in the past. Resident Cory will send the flyer to him electronically.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Janice Kluth, Sr. Project Coordinator, gave a presentation concerning the Sustainable Communities program. The City is exploring ways to lower greenhouse gas emissions through comprehensive building and site design strategies. Chula Vista is a city that supports Smart Growth. Walkable, connected, and "green" neighborhoods is a focus of the City's General Plan policies and will be key to implementation of the City's Climate Action Plan. The new Climate Neighbor tool was introduced at a workshop on August 13, 2013. Developers, Designers, Energy Efficiency experts, and City staff were invited to attend the first demonstration of the

Climate Neighbor tool. The workshop included a brief summary of the City's sustainability efforts and a recap of LEED-ND. Phase 2 of this effort will take place on October 1, 2013. This workshop is funded by a grant through the EPA Smart Growth America program. Chula Vista is one of 22 cities selected to receive the free technical assistance and training to promote the use of LEED-ND in improving sustainability at the community level. The workshop will focus on two sites within the City – one a greenfield site on the east side (Village 2), and one an infill site on the west side (610 L Street). The property owners, their design team, and City staff associated with the project will attend.

Marianna Corkill, Intern III, gave a presentation comparing the four different methods of bike sharing: bike corral, automated key station, kiosks/docking station, and free floating. Density of cities with bike sharing were compared with Chula Vista. The City of San Diego has started a bike sharing program. October is Rideshare Month.

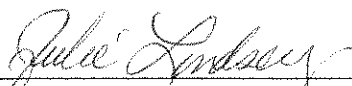
Lynn France, Environmental Services Program Manager, informed the Commission about the food waste pilot program and the plastic bag ban ordinance update. Chula Vista is the first jurisdiction in San Diego County with a food waste program. There will be a 500 home pilot program, where food waste can be put in residential yard waste bins. The program is scheduled to start by the end of year after community workshops. City of San Diego and City of Oceanside are moving forward with a plastic bag ban. A regional EIR is being pursued, so any jurisdiction can use it for their ordinances.

Brendan Reed, Environmental Resource Manager, gave a presentation about the Municipal Solar Photovoltaic Phase B project. The City's annual electricity use is 15.6 kWh. The goal is to generate 20% energy through onsite renewables. The solar panels have a life expectancy of 25 years. The City should be able to achieve \$4,124,548 in lifetime savings. The gross project cost is \$2,019,582. Phase B doubles the amount of solar on municipal facilities. The new systems have real-time monitors and the existing systems will be tied into it. Construction is scheduled to start in mid-October.

STAFF COMMENTS: Environmental Resource Manager Reed informed the Commission of a Clean Energy Chula Vista Stakeholders Workshop on September 19, 2013, at the Chula Vista Police Department.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Chair Coleman gave an update of the Bayfront Wildlife Advisory Group that is scheduled to meet on September 12, 2013. He did not know when the Bayfront Cultural & Design Committee will next meet.

At 5:15 PM Chair Coleman adjourned the meeting to the next Regular Meeting on October 14, 2013, at 4:00 PM, in the Executive Conference Room #103 Building A, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, California.


Julie Lindsey, Sr. Secretary